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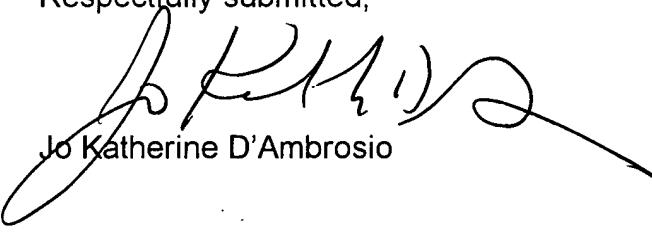
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following:

1. Response to Office Action dated January 10, 2000;
2. Petition for a one-month Extension of time;
3. Check in the amount of \$110;
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